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SUBJ UNCTAD:DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISLAND LDCS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES APPROVED BY LATIN AND ASIAN GROUPS. USDEL BELIEVES TEXT RAISES SEVERAL POLICY QUESTIONS NOT COVERED IN POSITION PAPER (NOTABLY IN FIELDS OF AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT, DEVELOPMENTAL FINANCE, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS QUESTION OF IMPACT ON PRIORITY ATTENTION NOW BEING GIVEN TO LEAST DEVELOPED). DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED SOONEST.

BEGIN QUOTE:
(1) NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 65 (III), SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD IN DOCUMENT TD/B/443;

(2) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD:
(A) TO CONTINUE GIVING ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING
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ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT AND IN THE

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COOPERATION OF UNCTAD WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM; AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD AT ITS 14TH SESSION;
(B) TO BRING THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SO FAR AS THEIR AREAS OF COMPETENCE ARE CONCERNED;
(C) TO DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES WHICH UNCTAD COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM;
(D) TO GIVE SUPPORT, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THESE INSTITUTIONS AS VEHICLES FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY TO THE SMALLEST AND LEAST DEVELOPED ISLANDS IN EACH REGION;

3. REQUESTS THE RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER EXISTING REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES, IN PART-ICULAR TO THE PROBLEMS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTE-GRATION;

(4) INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, IMCO, ICAO AND FAO, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE STUDIES, TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR PROPER FUNCTIONING OF:
(A) REGIONAL SHIPPING LINES INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION OF TYPES OF SHIPS, PORT INSTALLATIONS, FORMS OF MARITIME TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT BEST SUITED TO THEIR NEEDS;
(B) REGIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEMS, AS APPROPRIATE; AND
(C) NATIONAL AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, SUB-REGIONAL FISHING IN-DUSTRIES;

(5) INVITES THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER MULTILATERAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL FIN-ANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS FROM DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES FOR THE FINANCING, ON EASY TERMS,
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OF PORT INSTALLATIONS AND RELATED INVESTMENTS INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF SHIPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME TRANSPORT AND FISHING INDUSTRIES, AND OF THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL;

(6) REQUESTS RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS, TO BE MINDFUL OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HURRICANES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS ON THE PRODUCTION LEVELS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OF

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DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES, AND THE FACT THAT THEIR ISOLATION AND THE SMALL ECONOMIC SIZE OF MANY OF THEM MAKES IT ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO COPE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH DISASTERS. END QUOTE.

2. GROUP B DISCUSSION AUGUST 31 SHOWED CONSIDERABLE DIVERGENCE WITH NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION; OTHERS (AUSTRALIA, IRELAND, CANADA, DENMARK) AWAITING AUTHORITY TO CO-SPONSOR; AND ANOTHER GROUP (U.S., FRG, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND) EXPRESSING SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT PRIORITY FOCUS ON LEAST DEVELOPED MIGHT BE DILUTED IF TOO MANY SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED. SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER OP. PARAS 4 AND 5, ESPECIALLY REGARDING POSSIBLE PRE-COMMITMENT OF IDA ON TERMS TO BE ACCORDED TO ISLAND COUNTRIES. GENERAL FEELING, HOWEVER, IS THAT DRAFT RES. NOT TOO OBJECTIONABLE AND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE VERSION COULD BE NEGOTIATED WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY. ASIANS AND LAS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RES. BUT AFRICANS, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, ARE HOLDING BACK ON SUPPORT THIS AND OTHER MEASURES UNTIL LAS AGREE TO CONSULTATIONS ON COFFEE. GENERALLY POSITIVE STATEMENT ON RES. ALREADY MADE BY AFRICANS INDICATES THEY NOT CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DILUTION OF EMPHASIS ON LEAST DEVELOPED AND THIS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR DCS ALONE TO TRY "PROTECT" THEIR INTERESTS. MILLER

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